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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CASC, US, JO
SUBJECT: DENIAL OF BRIDGE CROSSING PERMIT

REF: JERUSALEM 1252

1. ON BASIS OF LOW LEVEL OFFICIAL'S ASSERTION THAT JORDANIAN
LAW OR REGULATION DOES NOT PERMIT ENTRY OF MEMBERS OF JEWISH
FAITH INTO JORDAN, AMBASSADOR RAISED QUESTION WITH KING HUSSEIN
EVENING MAY 7.

2. KING WAS AGHAST AND SAID HE HAD NEVER HEARD ANYTHING SO
IDIOTIC. HE WAS SURE THAT NO SUCH LAW EXISTED AND THAT HE WOULD
LOOK INTO IT TO INSURE THWQ MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WAS SORTED OUT
ON THE PROBLEM. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED BY
PAST P4IME MINISTERS THAT SUCH WAS THE CASE, APOLOGIZED FOR
RAISING IT WITH THE KING, BUT ON THE BASIS THAT SUCH MISUNDER-
STANDINGS COULD CAUSE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS, HE THOUGHT
KING SHOULD KNOW. KING AGAIN SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE
CARE OF THE QUESTION AND THANKED THE AMBASSADOR FOR
RAISING THE POINT. HE ALSO ASKED THAT APOLOGIES
BE EXTENDED TO ANYONE WHO WAS INCONVENIENCED.

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3. WITH RESPECT TO TALYA FISHMAN CASE (REFTEL)
SUGGEST THAT CONSULATE GENERAL CONTACT HER AND EXPLAIN
THAT EMBASSY HAS RAISED PROBLEM AT HIGH LEVEL IN JORDAN
AND THAT EXPLANATION GIVEN WAS THAT DENIAL OF BRIDGE
CROSSING FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS WAS DONE IN ERROR AND
THAT JORDAN ASKED THAT APOLOGIES BE EXTENDED FOR THIS

ERROR.
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